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President

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The President

Dear Student:

Without the student body, a college is nothing but a collection of buildings. During my tenure as president at Fitchburg State College, it has been my goal to ensure that the college meets the needs of the students. We have increased the numbers of scholarship so that more students will have the opportunity to acquire a college education, we have put in place a greatly expanded computer system which brings the into internet into residence halls and classrooms, and we have increased the number of social and cultural activities.

This fall we will open the new recreational facility on North Street with access to a fine swimming pool, fitness and free weights rooms, a dance and aerobics studio, racquetball courts and a jogging track. This is the first new academic building to be built on this campus in twenty-five years.

I hope that you will continue to expand your minds and horizons even after you leave your alma mater. Education should not end when you receive your diploma--that is why our name for graduation is commencement. I also hope that you will encourage others to pursue their educational dreams and ambitions, and that you will extend assistance to future students so that they too can avail themselves of the same opportunities with which you have been so blessed.

I trust you will regard your years at Fitchburg State College as among the most exciting, challenging, and valuable times of your lives. Please accept my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Riccards

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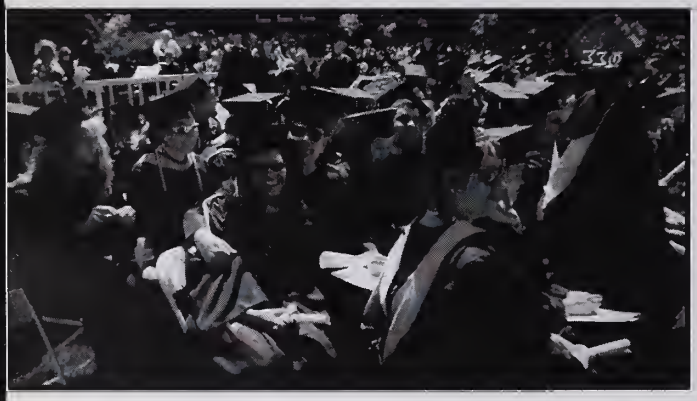

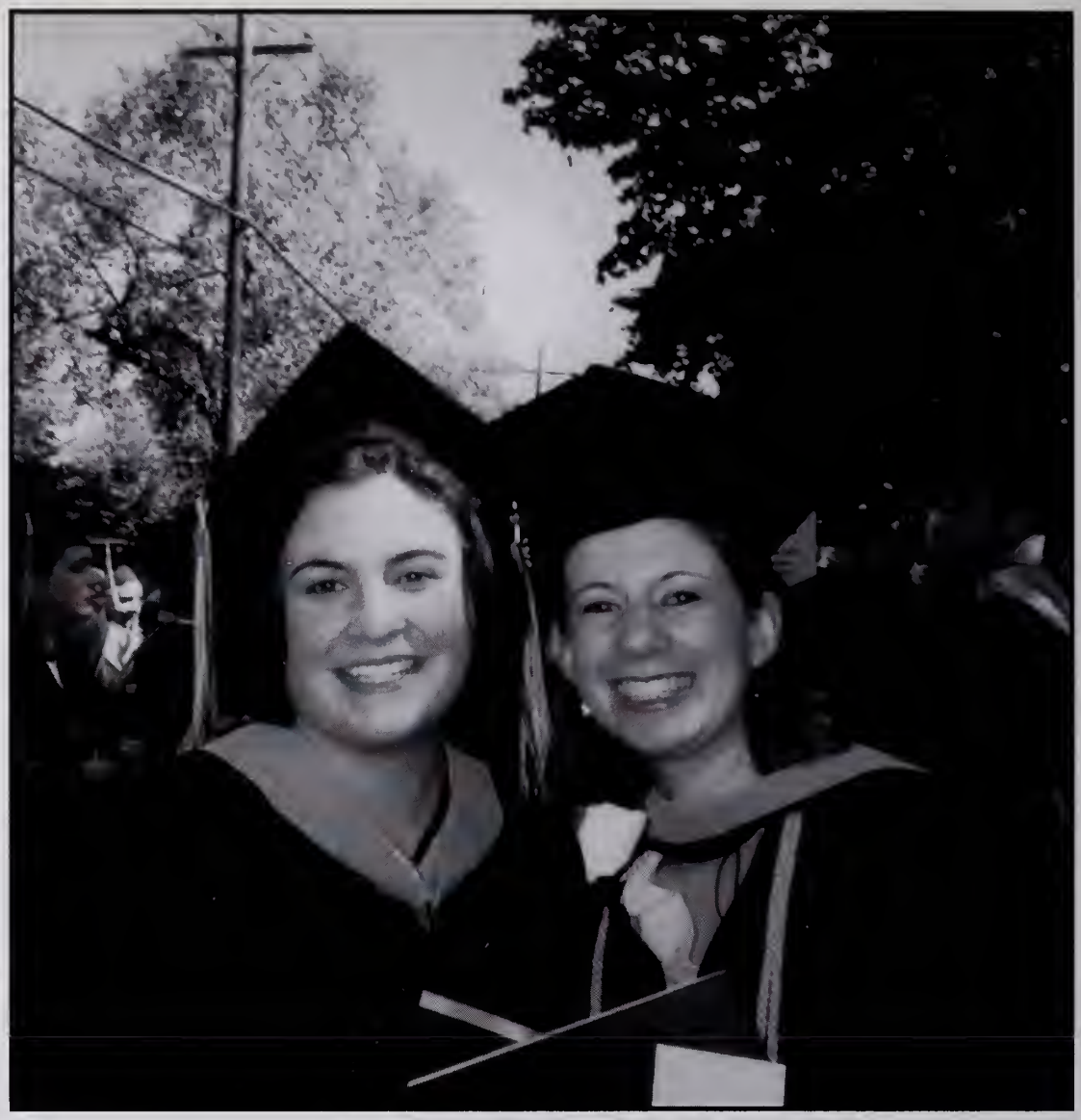

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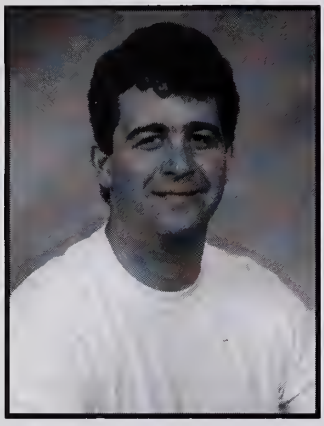

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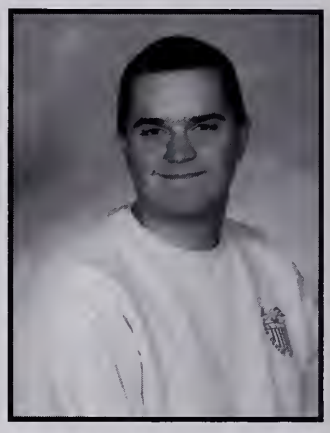

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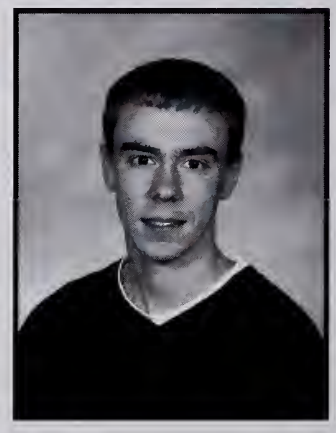
Ashley Aubie



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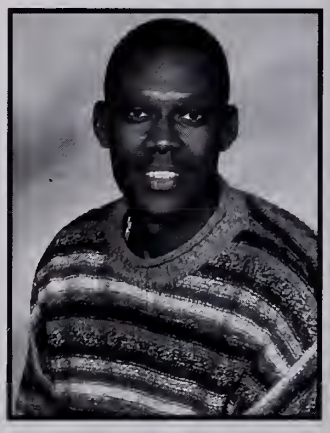

Tyrone Baltimore

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Brian Bates

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Jane Bordzol

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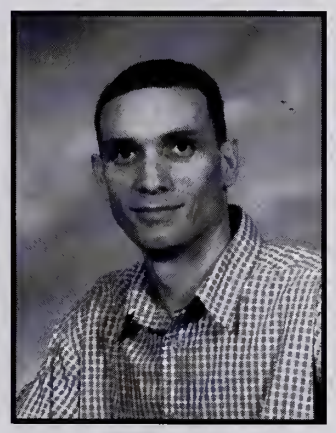
Maria Briggs



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April Brown

Heather Brown

Laura Brown

Anthony Bucciarelli

Jamie Burgess

Stephen Burn

Brandee Burnap

Douglas Cahill

Christina Caliendo

Susan Canill

Michelle Capone

Carrie Carbonneau

Elizabeth Care

Erich Carpenter

Kevin Carr

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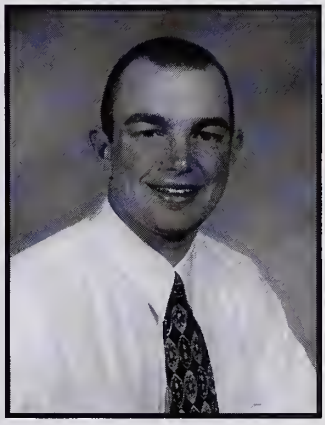
Karen Cullen

Jennifer Dainis



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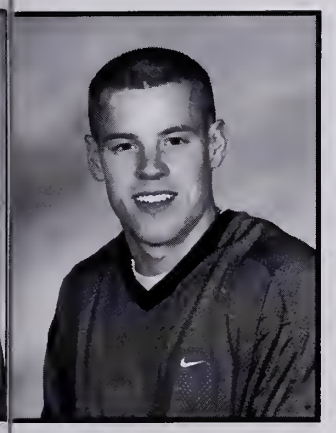

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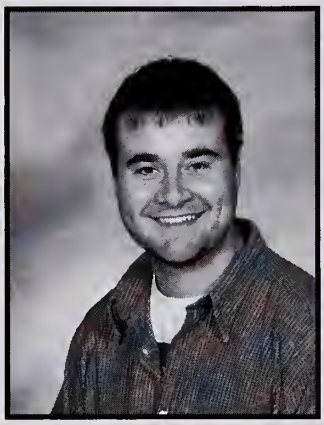

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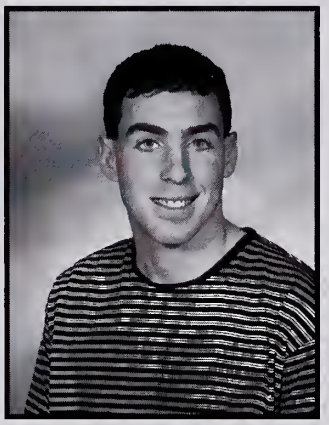

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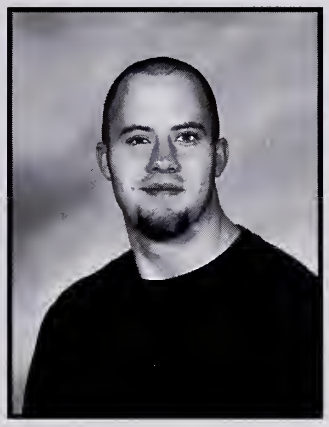

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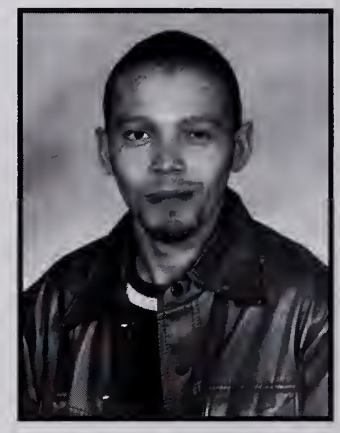

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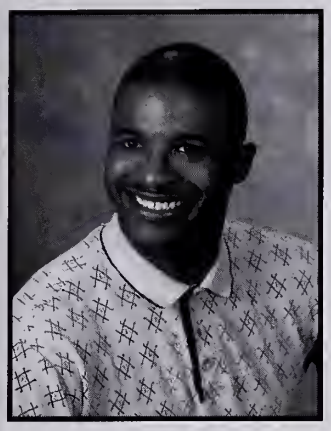

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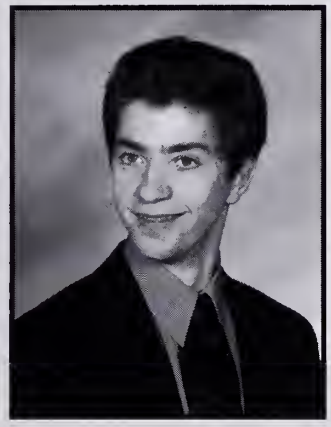

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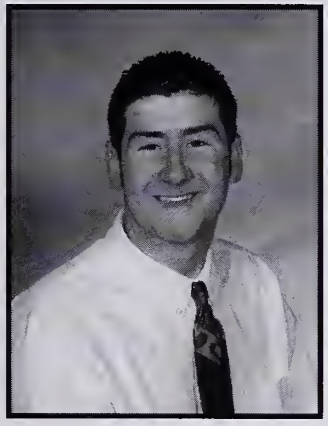

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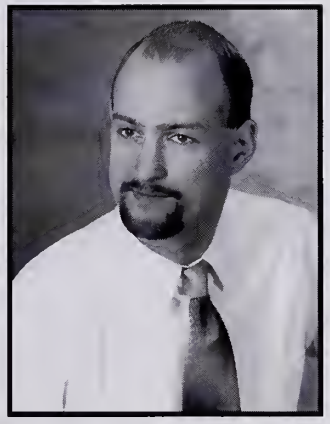

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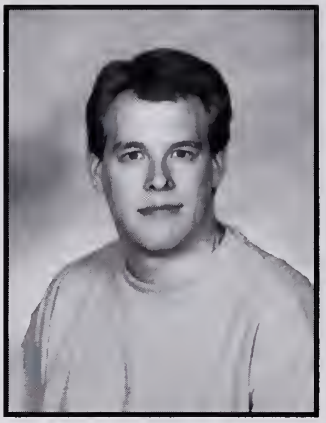

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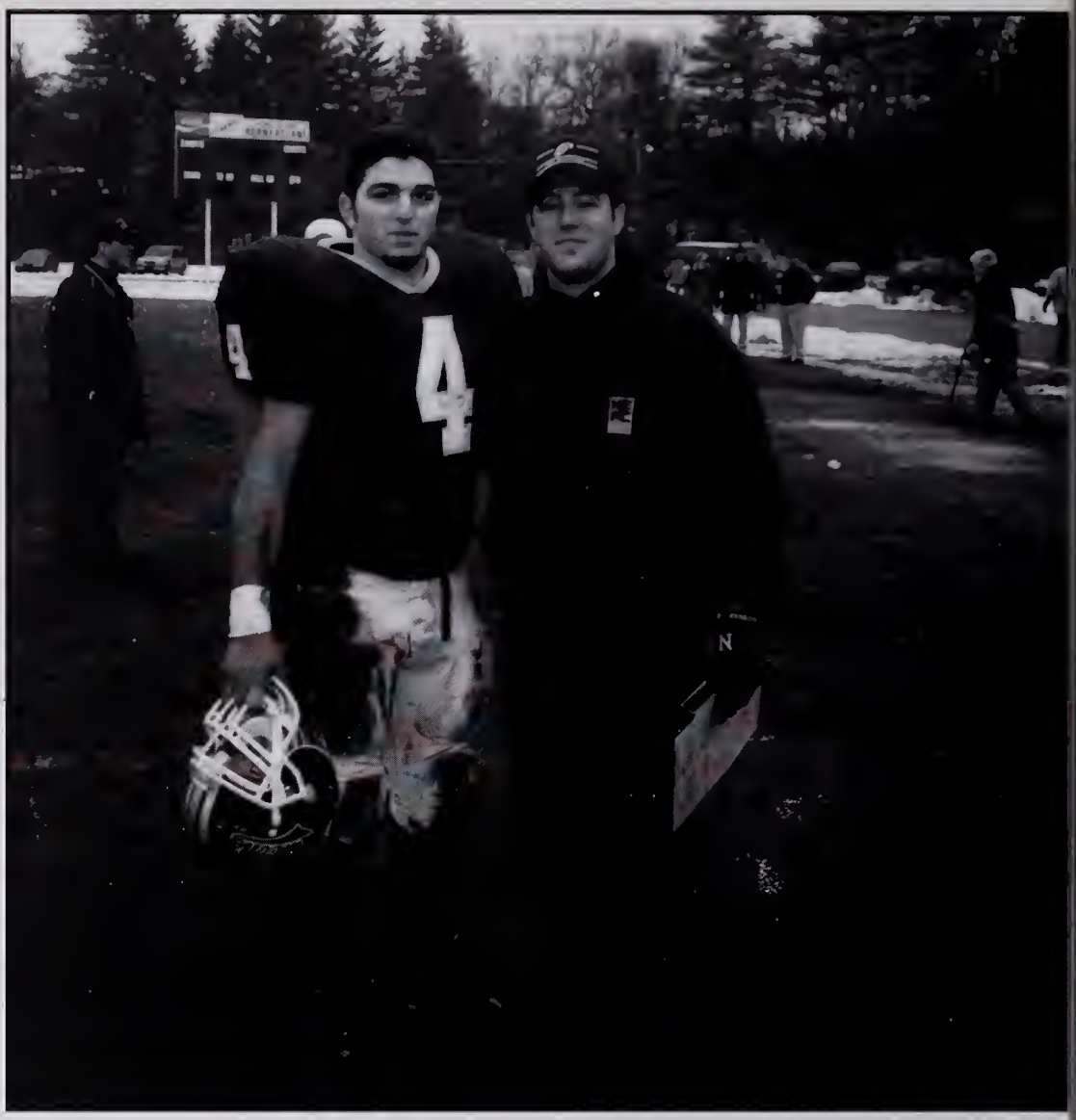

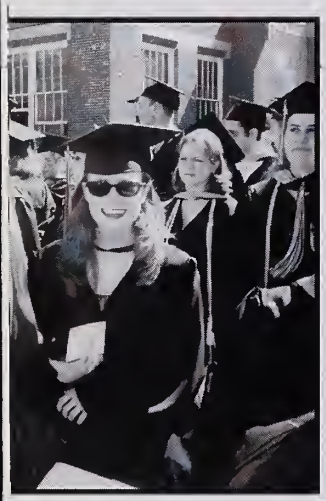

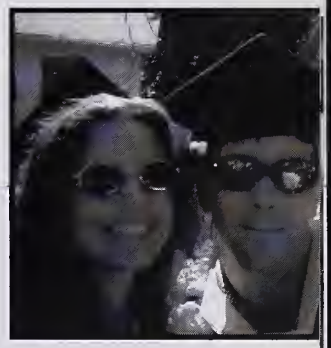

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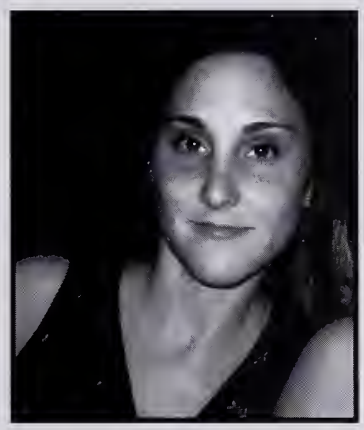

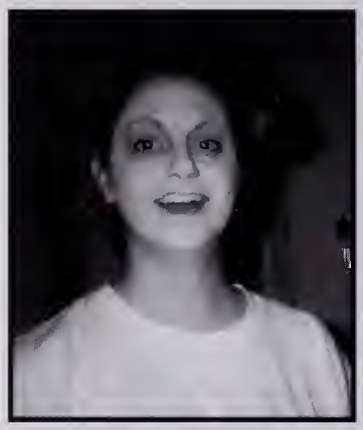

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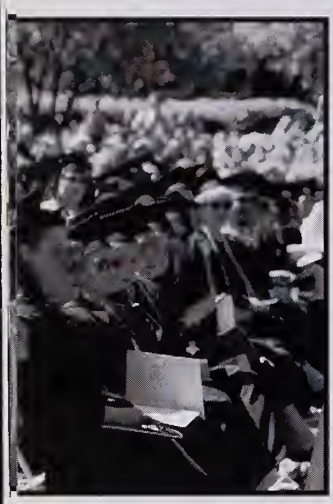

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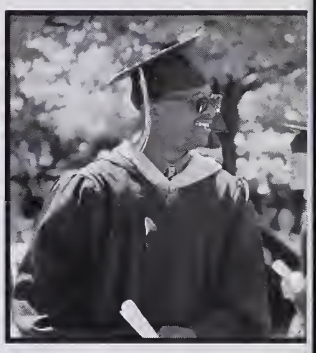

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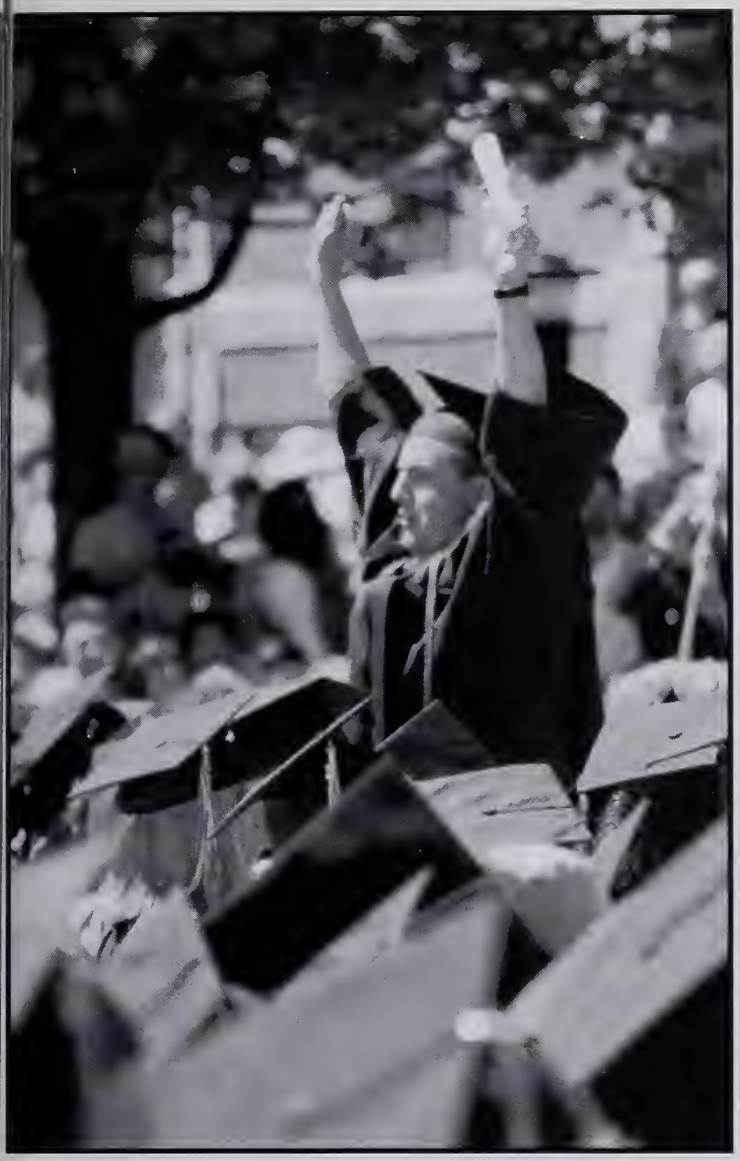

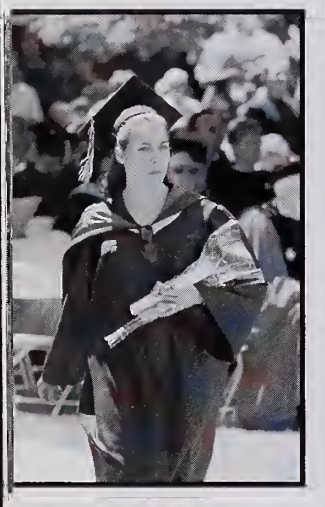

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Susan E. Sganga

Sue,

We are so proud of you!

You always try to achieve your goals through hard work.

You will inspire you your students with you gifts.

Always remember how much you are loved.

Best Wishes, Class of 2000!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Karen A. Cullen

KAREN, CONGRATULATIONS!

We are so very proud of you.

We love you.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Jennifer

Dena Joy Simons

CONGRATULATIONS DENA!

Reach for your star!

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We love you,

Mom, Dad and Family

Wendy Keegan

We are so proud of you.

CONGRATULATIONS
on all your accomplishments!

Love,
Mom, Rich,
Eddy & Richie

Tara Lynn

You are our pride and our joy...our precious daughter.

We always knew you would succeed.

You deserve only the best.

We love, "T-Tot-Tara."
CONGRATULATIONS!

Taryn Paul

Taryn,

You have worked, worked, worked!

You have made mom, dad and your brothers proud proud proud!

Now take the summer of rest, relax and get ready to be the teacher you deserve to be!

Happy graduation Day 200!

Your loving family,
Dad, Mom, Keith and Lee

Jodie Ann Blake

Congratulations!
You never lost site of your goal.
We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments.
We wish you the best of luck for continued success and happiness.
We love You!
Mom and Dad

Meredith M. Moore

CONGRATULATIONS
to our
"little" graduate,
Meredith M. Moore.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Kim Priestley

Kim Congratulations!

I am so very proud of you and all things you have accomplished.

I love you and am very proud of you.

Keep up the good work.

Kim remember you can make the difference in a lot of children lives.

GOOD LUCK!
Love you, Ma

Melissa B. Langfield

Melissa,
Congratulations on all of your accomplishments.
You have made us so proud of you.
Always follow your dreams.
We love you very much!
Mom, Dad, & Stephanie

Alyssa M. Niewola

Lyssie,
Congratulations you've made it!
We are all very proud of you.
Much success and happiness to you always!
Love,
Mom, Dad, John, Jr. & Grandma

Sherry Tetreault

You have worked hard and have accomplished so much!
We are so proud of the person you have become.
Always keep going toward your dreams!
Love, Dad, Mom & Michael

Tammy Roy

Congratulations on all of you accomplishments.
Wishing you the best on your future successes!
We love you,
Dad, Janet, Erin,
Mackenzie & Madison

Kristopher L. Lisle

"It is good to have an end to journey towards;
but it is the journey that matters, in the end."
-LeGuin

CONGRATUALATIONS TO YOU AND THE CLASS OF 2000.
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND WISH YOU MUCH JOY AND HAPPINESS.

LOVE,
MOM & GRAM

Jessica Peer

Jessica,
Congratulations on all of your accomplishments
We are so proud of you!
Chase your Dreams!
We love you!
Mom, Dad and D-J

Heather Lynn Brown

To our Heather:
We are so very proud of you.
Hope all your dreams come true.
Love,
Mom, Aaron, Siobhan
Victoria and Kaitlin

Carrie Carbonneau

Carrie,
You have been the sunshine in our lives since the day you were born.

We are so proud of all your accomplishments and the wonderful woman you've become.

Keep reaching for the stars and they will take you as far as you want to go.
Congratulations!
We love you!
Mom, Dad and Jason

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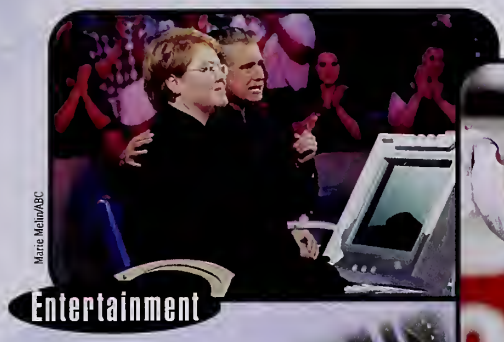
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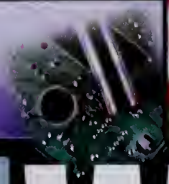

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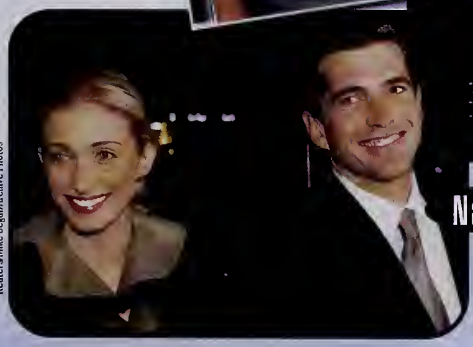
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World News

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As part of Rome's continuing restoration, the city unveils a plan to create an 18,000-square-yard rambling space connecting the Imperial Forums with the Roman Forum.

EgyptAir Flight 990 crashes into the Atlantic Ocean on October 31, killing all 217 people on board. Although suspicious actions of a pilot are under scrutiny by American and Egyptian officials, the cause of the crash remains a mystery.

Reuters/STR/Archive Photos

On October 12, the world's official population hits 6 billion. The designated 6 billionth human is a baby boy born in Sarajevo.

AP/Wide World Photos

In September, more than 300,000 Japanese are checked for radiation exposure after an inadvertent nuclear reaction at a uranium processing plant.

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Nearly a million ethnic Albanians flee Yugoslavia and thousands are killed after Serbs begin a violent ethnic cleansing campaign in 1998. Seventy-eight days of NATO bombing bring the war to an end in June. An international tribunal later charges Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic with crimes against humanity.

In an October coup, the Pakistani army dismisses elected Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his government after Sharif announces the removal of his powerful military chief, General Pervaiz Musharraf.

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In a violent October coup, gunmen storm the Armenian Parliament and assassinate Prime Minister Vazgen Sarkisian and six other top officials.

Flash

Britain's Prince Edward marries longtime girlfriend Sophie Rhys-Jones on June 19.

Cuban Elian Gonzalez, 6, becomes the center of a bitter citizenship debate after surviving a November boat wreck off the Florida coast in which his mother dies.

AP/Wide World Photos

In India, two trains collide head-on in August, killing 285 people and injuring more than 300. It is one of the worst train disasters in the country's history.

1999

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In June, Thabo Mbeki succeeds President Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first democratically elected president.

Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" is unveiled in June after 21 years of restoration. The centimeter-by-centimeter rehabilitation cost $7.7 million and involved electronic microscopes.

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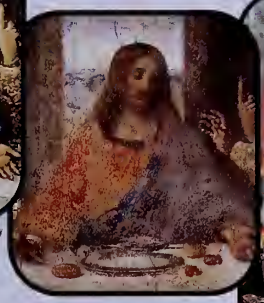

After almost nine years in power, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announces his resignation in January 2000. Yeltsin names Prime Minister Vladimir Putin acting president pending elections in March.

In September, Russia begins a military campaign against Chechen nationalists to regain control of the breakaway republic. More than 200,000 people flee the region, but a fierce rebel resistance stays to fight for control of the capital, Grozny.

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In September and October, powerful earthquakes strike around the globe, killing 15,000 people in Turkey, 1,450 in Taiwan and at least 122 in Greece.

Kenneth Garrett/NGS Image Collection

Archaeologists excavate 105 mummies in a 2,000-year-old underground Egyptian tomb believed to contain a total of 10,000 mummies. The necropolis will shed new light on the Greco-Roman era and will allow scholars to chart demographic data and the incidence of disease.

AP/Wide World Photos

On December 31, the U.S. returns control of the Panama Canal to Panama. Opened to the world in 1914, the canal is considered one of the greatest construction achievements in American history.

Flash

A tropical depression producing heavy rain hits Mexico in November. The resulting floods kill more than 350 people and cause 100,000 to evacuate.

In August, the U.S. pays $4.5 million to victims of NATO's accidental bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade. Three Chinese are killed and 27 are wounded in the May 1999 bombing.

2000

AP/Wide World Photos

In December, torrential rains cause Venezuela's worst natural disaster of the century. Mudslides and flash floods kill up to 30,000 people, while damage estimates run into the billions of dollars.

National News

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In July, John F. Kennedy Jr., 38, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, 34, die in an airplane crash in the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard. Kennedy, a relatively inexperienced pilot, is believed to have become disoriented in heavy fog.

Cartoonist Charles M. Schulz retires in January 2000, bringing an end to PEANUTS, America's most popular comic strip for almost 50 years. Schulz dies in February, the night before his last strip runs in the national newspapers.

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As a way to boost tourism, Chicago displays 301 life-size, fiberglass cows decorated by local artists. The public art exhibit lasts all summer until the cows are auctioned for charity.

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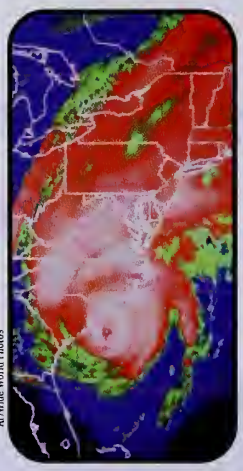
Hurricane Floyd strikes the East Coast in September, killing 51 people and destroying over 4,000 homes. North Carolina is hardest hit with total damages estimated at a record $6 billion.



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The drought of 1999 causes severe damage to Northeastern and mid-Atlantic farms. Several states impose mandatory water use restrictions and emergency federal loans are made available in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.

Lewis and Clark's Native American guide Sacagawea is featured on a new gold-colored dollar coin released into circulation in early 2000.

Beginning in 1999, the U.S. Mint releases specially designed state quarters, the first five representing Connecticut, Georgia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. By 2008, each state will have its own quarter.

AP/Wide World Photos

President Clinton announces the removal of the American bald eagle from the endangered species list. In 1999, there are over 5,800 breeding pairs, an increase from 417 in 1963.

Flash

In August, a rare tornado strikes downtown Salt Lake City. Winds up to 112 miles per hour make it Utah's second-worst tornado in history.

In July, Air Force Colonel Eileen Collins, 42, becomes the first woman to command a U.S. space shuttle mission.

Dave McDermand/Bryan-College Station Eagle/Corbis Sygma

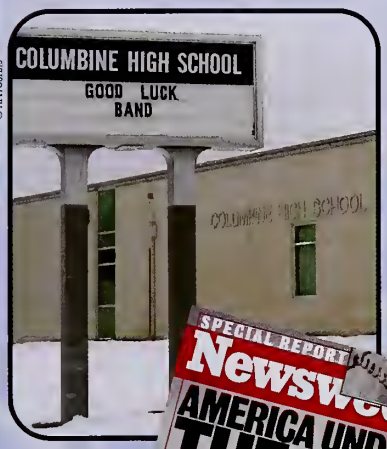
In November, a 60-foot log tower collapses at Texas A&M University, killing 12 students and injuring 27. The tower was to be burned at a traditional bonfire pep rally.

1999

Reuters/Robert Sorbo/Archive Photos

In November, protesters at the World Trade Organization (WTO) summit in Seattle provoke a show of force by local, state and federal officers. Protesters blame the WTO for eroding human rights and labor and environmental standards.

On April 20, 1999, the nation mourns after two students go on a shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Colorado, wounding 23 and killing 15, including themselves. Schools across the country take extensive security measures to ensure the safety of students and staff.



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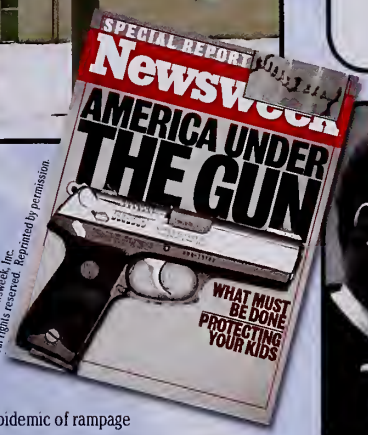

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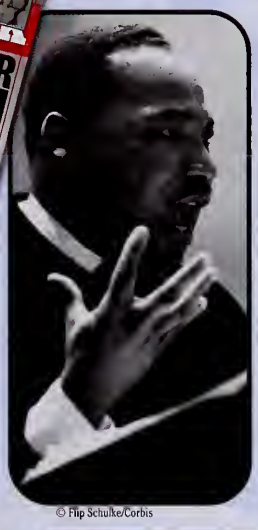
An epidemic of rampage shootings intensifies America's growing concern over gun control. Many state legislatures pass new gun-control measures despite nationwide controversy over restrictions vs. Second Amendment rights.

In an effort to ease the burden on the traditional courts, most states now offer teen court for juvenile offenders. After determining guilt, a jury of teens along with a judge decides the sentence, typically community service and financial restitution.

Timothy C. Sharp

Ron Garrison, San Diego Zoo/Reuters/archive Photos

In August, a female panda is born at the San Diego Zoo. Hua Mei, which can mean "China USA" or "Splendid Beauty," is the first panda born in the Western Hemisphere in nearly a decade.



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Despite 30 years of official denial, in December a jury finds the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was the result of a conspiracy, not the act of a lone gunman.

Flash

In the first such admission by a cigarette manufacturer, Philip Morris publicly concedes tobacco is addictive and can cause serious diseases.

Hillary Clinton announces her candidacy for a U.S. Senate seat from New York. As law requires, Clinton establishes New York residency in suburban Chappaqua.

1-800-4MY-TEEN

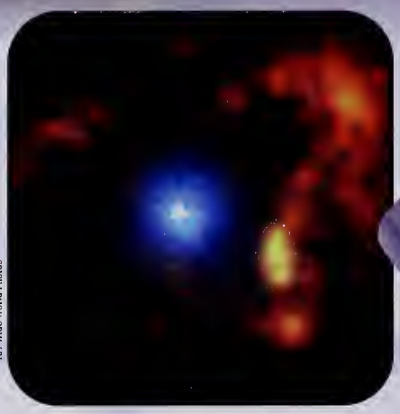
A bumper sticker invites drivers to call a toll-free number to report reckless driving. Officials hope the system will help parents stay informed about their teenagers' driving habits.

2000

Reuters/Jeff Christensen/Archive Photos

In September, Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and his wife Melinda announce the creation of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. The Gateses will donate $1 billion over the next 20 years to finance scholarships for minority college students.

Science News



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In August, NASA releases photos from the Chandra X-ray orbiting telescope of a hot cloud of gas from a star that exploded more than three centuries ago. The telescope took 23 years and $1 billion to develop.

Immersion Corporation

FEELit technology allows users to experience computer technology through their mouse. Users can "feel" buttons, text, the weight of a stuffed desktop folder and the groove of a scroll bar.

Lincoln Journal Star

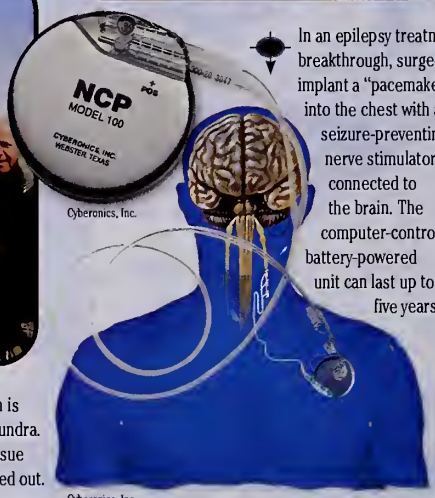
Fifteen-year-old Amber Ramirez undergoes surgery in which half of her brain is removed to stop the spread of a rare neurological disease. Doctors hope the remaining portion of Ramirez's brain will compensate for the removed tissue.

Courtesy of Dallas Semiconductor

The Java Ring contains a computer chip providing electronic access into buildings for students. Eventually the ring could be used as a library card, digital wallet, electronic ID and authentication for students' online homework.

AP/Wide World Photos

The body of a 23,000-year-old woolly mammoth is discovered in October frozen in the Russian tundra. Study of the preserved fur, organs and soft tissue could unlock the mystery of why the species died out.



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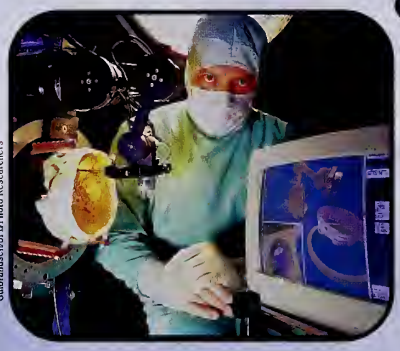
In an epilepsy treatment breakthrough, surgeons implant a "pacemaker" into the chest with a seizure-preventing nerve stimulator connected to the brain. The computer-controlled, battery-powered unit can last up to five years.



Gulbrandsen/SPL/Photo Researchers

In August, U.S. surgeons begin using computer-enhanced robotic technology for heart bypass surgery. Because the chest cavity is never opened, this technique reduces pain and shortens recovery time.

Flash

Researchers announce in July the creation of a cancerous human cell by genetically altering a normal one. This significant breakthrough is an important step toward developing drugs that could potentially wipe out cancer.

In December, IBM announces a $100 million research initiative to build a supercomputer 500 times more powerful than current models.

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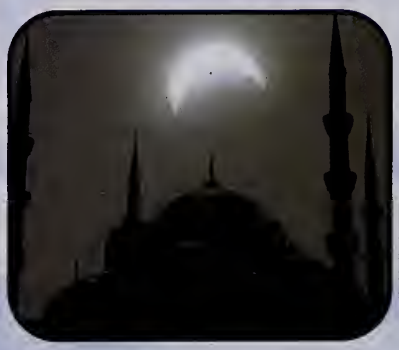

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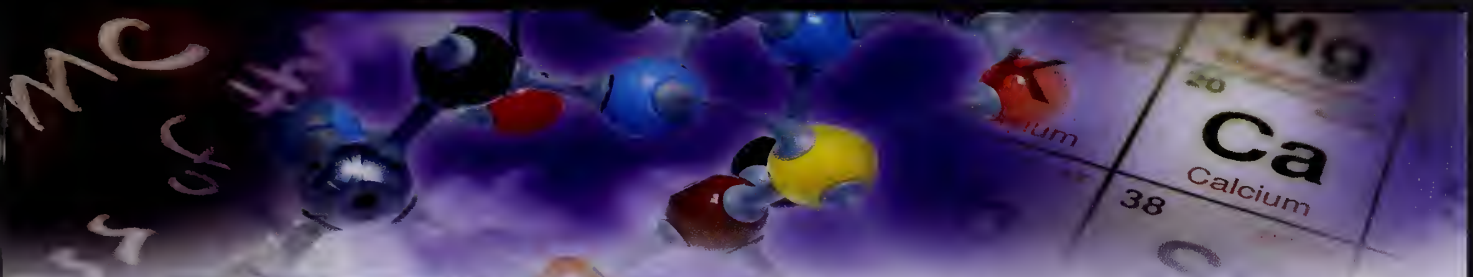
On August 11, the last total solar eclipse of the millennium crosses the globe. Thousands of people from Canada to India experience daytime darkness during which the moon completely covers the sun.



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Parents, with help from their doctor, select the gender of their baby using a technique called MicroSort, which separates X-bearing (female-determining) and Y-bearing (male-determining) sperm. The success rate is about 92 percent for females and 69 percent for males.

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Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital reveal in July that they have successfully regenerated the central nervous system of lab rats with severed spinal cords. Applications for human paralysis treatment are very encouraging.

The jawbones of two kangaroo-sized dinosaurs are discovered in Madagascar in October. Dated to the early Triassic period, 230 million years ago, the bones could be the oldest dinosaur fossils ever found.

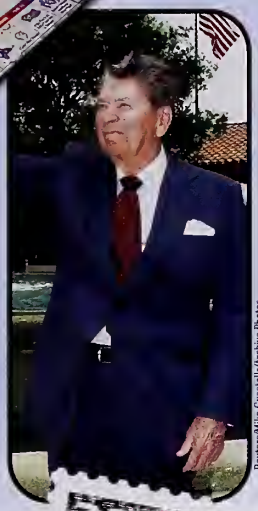
Reuters/Scott Olson/Archive Photos

David K. Berwitz

A new board game, Infection, hits stores in July. Fun and educational, players race around the board catching diseases, described in detail, and trying to be cured.

Boeing Media

In October, Sea Launch Company, a multi-national consortium, launches the first commercial satellite into space from a floating platform in the Pacific Ocean. Boeing is a major partner in the venture, along with companies in Russia, Ukraine and Norway.



Reuters/Mike Guastella/Archive Photos

In October, biologists isolate one of the enzymes that sets Alzheimer's disease in motion. This scientific discovery will lead to new treatments and, possibly, a cure. Over 4 million Americans, including former President Ronald Reagan, are living with the disease.

Reuters/HO/Archive Photos

Researchers report they have successfully altered the learning and memory behavior of mice by inserting a gene into their brains. This genetic-engineering breakthrough may be helpful in treating human learning disorders and Alzheimer's disease.

Flash

In June, scientists announce the creation of two new elements. The nucleus of new, super-heavy element 118 decays into element 116 within a millisecond.

Scientists studying Albert Einstein's preserved brain report it has unique characteristics. The region governing mathematical ability and spatial reasoning is significantly larger than normal.

AP/Wide World Photos

To mark the 30th anniversary of the first moon landing, astronaut Neil Armstrong's lunar footprint is featured on a 1999 postage stamp.

2000

Lifestyle News

Maybelline

Cosmetic companies increasingly use entertainment celebrities instead of models for their advertisements. Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Jennifer Lopez and Shania Twain are among the celebs who appear in ads.

The fashion accessory of 1999 goes by many names – power beads, mood beads and prayer beads. Many sellers claim the beads boost tranquility, energy, creativity and intelligence.

Ian Spanier

Airlines begin installing elaborate in-flight entertainment systems that allow passengers to watch movies, play computer games, listen to music, read headlines or browse the Internet.

Eric Sander/Liaison Agency

With the huge increase in cell phones, many cities enact laws restricting their use while driving. Restaurants and theaters are also requiring patrons to turn phones off as a courtesy to others.

AP/Wide World Photos

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In August, a Levi Strauss & Co. megastore opens in San Francisco. The store features a hot tub where shoppers can soak in their jeans for the perfect fit and a computer-scanning system to help customers get the right size.

A continuation of the cargo pants trend, messenger bags with pockets galore hang at the hips of teens everywhere.

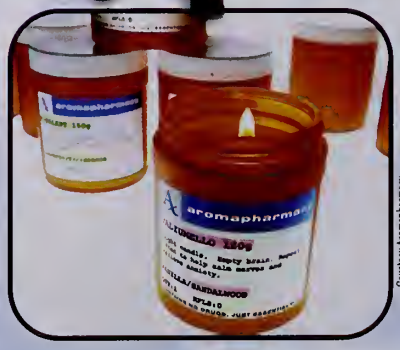
AP/Wide World Photos

Apple Computer introduces its new iBook laptop in September. The super-slim, neon-colored units follow the highly successful launch of the translucent iMac desktop.

Flash

In December, Honda introduces Insight, a car that combines a conventional gasoline engine with a small electric motor, decreases ozone and carbon dioxide emissions and gets 80 mpg.

Several companies offer "digital wallets" for teens who want to shop online but don't have credit cards. Parents deposit money into an online account; then teens can spend the money at designated Web sites.



Courtesy Aromapharmacy

A new line of scented candles called Aromapharmacy comes in amber glass containers and looks like prescription drug bottles with creative names such as Ritalert, Cramprin and Valiumello.

1999

Reuters/Kimimasa Mayama/Archive Photos

Wireless Web access becomes a reality in September when Sprint PCS announces the first nationwide wireless data service. Shortly thereafter, several other providers debut similar service for hand-held Web phones.

Globe Photos Inc./Andrea Renault

Shawls and wraps show up everywhere in the fashion world. Hollywood celebrities like Salma Hayek sport the fashion trend in all colors and fabrics.

Inline skaters can now power themselves along with the new Roller Cycle Personal Power Accelerator featuring a 1.5-hp-driven wheel. An optional spiked rubber tire for traction makes it also possible to use while cross-country skiing.

Roller Cycle

Kwame Brathwaite/PDL, Inc.

Several rappers start their own clothing lines, making hip-hop wear big business. Popular artist labels include FUBU, Roc-A-Wear, Phat Farm, Wu Wear, Sean John and X-Large.

A Gap TV advertisement for vests starts a trend across America that has teenagers wearing the fashionable sleeveless jackets.

Stretchy nylon jewelry that looks like skin tattoos is a big hit in 1999. The nylon bands are worn around necks, wrists, arms and ankles, and come in several colors.

AP/Wide World Photos/Ben Margot

Courtesy Magellan Corporation

Magellan, a satellite navigation system for motorists, offers complete U.S. mapping data, voice and visual instructions in seven languages, turn-by-turn directions and a library of points of interest.

Flash

Teenagers need an average of nine hours and 15 minutes of sleep a night, according to research at Brown University's Bradley Hospital. The study also shows a direct correlation between school grades and duration of sleep.

An influx of dot-com companies advertise on television. Ads during the Super Bowl sell for an average of $2.2 million per 30-second commercial.

California Prune Board

A growing number of U.S. school cafeterias offer pruneburgers, a healthy low-fat combination of hamburger and prune puree. Other prune items in the works include hot dogs, pizza sauce, barbecue sauce and gingerbread cookies.

2000

Entertainment News

Photofest

The Sixth Sense with Bruce Willis and Haley Joel Osment is the No. 1 box office hit for five consecutive weekends in the summer.

Video game fans snap up a record 15,000 copies of Sega's highly anticipated Dreamcast system in the first 24 hours after its launch in September.

ABC's summer fill-in quiz show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," with host Regis Philbin, returns in November and is a huge hit with viewers. By January 2000, several major networks launch quiz shows of their own.

Marie McIntyre/ABC

Launched in January 1999, MTV's "The Tom Green Show" becomes one of the season's most popular shows. The Canadian host's bizarre man-on-the-street pranks are the show's main attraction.

After 19 nominations, Susan Lucci finally wins an Emmy Award for best actress in a daytime drama series for her role as Erica Kane on the ABC soap opera "All My Children."

AP/Wide World Photos

Photofest

The Blair Witch Project, the year's surprise movie hit, is the documentary-style footage of three students lost in the Maryland woods and threatened by the presumed Blair Witch. The film costs $100,000 to make and grosses $140 million.

Andrew Brusso/Corbis Outline

Flash

Tom Hanks and Tim Allen return as the voices of Woody and Buzz Lightyear in the animated feature Toy Story 2. The sequel breaks box-office records during its Thanksgiving release and wins a Golden Globe award.

In a botched stunt, WWF wrestler Owen Hart falls from the rafters at Kemper Arena and dies in front of 16,300 fans.

Photofest

Jennifer Love Hewitt leaves "Party of Five" to star in her own Fox television drama, "Time of Your Life." The show focuses on Hewitt's character trying to make it in New York while searching for her biological father.

Photofest

In June, Mike Myers' sequel *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* proves to be a bigger hit than the 1997 original. Dr. Evil's alter ego Mini-Me is extremely popular even though he has no lines.

1999

Konami Corporation of America, Inc.

The new arcade game Guitar Freaks features two guitar controllers and a screen to help players follow along to popular songs.

Photofest

In December, actor Jim Carrey portrays zany comedian Andy Kaufman in *Man on the Moon*. Carrey wins a Golden Globe award for his performance.

American Beauty, starring Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening and Thora Birch, captures the Golden Globe Best Drama Award. The dark satire of suburbia and family dysfunction receives a total of six Golden Globe nominations.

Photofest

Dreamworks Television

Set in 1980, the critically acclaimed NBC show "Freaks and Geeks" follows two groups of teens trying to make their way through high school.

Photofest

The long-awaited prequel *Star Wars*: Episode I *The Phantom Menace* hits theaters in May 1999, taking in a record-breaking $28.5 million on its opening day and going on to gross more than $420 million.

Six Flags Great Adventure

Medusa, the world's first floorless roller coaster, opens in August at Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey. The 4,000-foot, toe-dangling ride has enough drops, loops, rolls and corkscrews to thrill every rider.

Flash

Michael J. Fox announces in January 2000 he will leave the popular ABC sitcom "Spin City" at the end of the season to promote awareness of Parkinson's disease in hopes of finding a cure.

After 10 seasons, Fox cancels the hit show "Beverly Hills, 90210." The show followed characters through high school, college and careers.

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In September, the New Roc City entertainment center opens in New York. The complex includes an amusement park ride on the roof, two skating rinks, 19 movie screens, restaurants, an arcade, a health club, a supermarket and a hotel.

2000

The Everett Collection

The Talented Mr. Ripley, starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett, opens in December and earns popular and critical praise.

Music News

Reuters/Royje Polan/Archive Photos

Released in June, Santana's *Supernatural* shoots up the *Billboard* album chart, sells over 6 million copies, and earns 10 Grammy nominations.

U.S. sales of music by Latin artists shoot up 48 percent in the first quarter of 1999 thanks to artists such as Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez, Enrique Iglesias and Marc Anthony.

Superstar Mariah Carey releases *Rainbow* in November and begins a world tour in February 2000. Carey is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Decade and is awarded the distinguished American Music Award of Achievement.

AP/Wide World Photos/Laura Rauch

Britney Spears' album ...*Baby One More Time* is the second-best-selling album of 1999, earning Spears the *Billboard* Music Awards Female and New Artist of the Year Awards.

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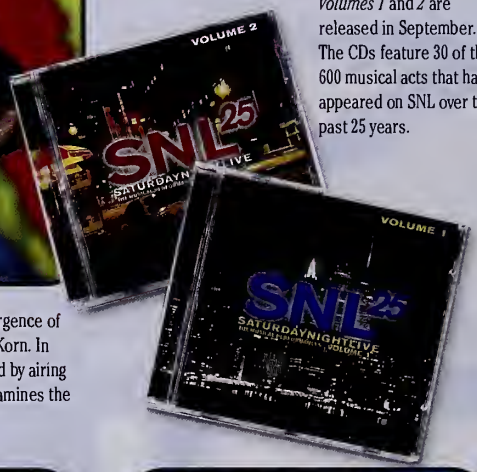
Limp Bizkit leads the way in the resurgence of rock music, along with Kid Rock and Korn. In September, MTV showcases the trend by airing "1999: Return of the Rock," which examines the history and future of rock music.



Saturday Night Live: The Musical Performances Volumes 1 and *2* are released in September. The CDs feature 30 of the 600 musical acts that have appeared on SNL over the past 25 years.

Computer games feature big music stars on their soundtracks. Sheryl Crow contributes her talent to the *Tomorrow Never Dies* soundtrack, Metallica to *Hot Wheels Turbo Racing* and Naughty by Nature to *NBA Live 2000*.

Flash

Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and the Dixie Chicks are a few musicians who rock Central Park in a first-ever trimulcast concert seen and heard on the radio, television and Internet.

More than 1 million viewers tune in each weekday to vote on their favorite videos on MTV's "Total Request Live" with host Carson Daly and popular musical guests.

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Backstreet Boys' *Millennium* wins the *Billboard* Music Awards Album of the Year and becomes the best-selling album of the year with over 10 million copies sold.

1999

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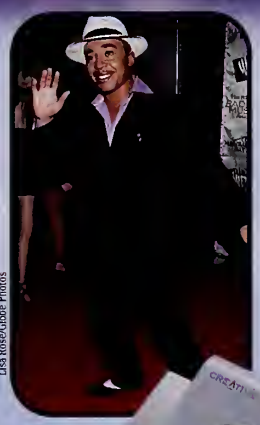
In a strange twist, Garth Brooks releases the album *The Life of Chris Gaines* in which he pretends to be a fictional rock star. Gaines will be the main character in a movie called *The Lamb*, currently in development.



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Lou Bega's rhythmic "Mambo No. 5" hits the Top 40 in August after selling 2 million copies overseas and topping the chart in 15 countries.

"NetAid," a concert dedicated to relieve hunger and poverty, airs live in October on MTV, VH1, the BBC, as well as radio stations in 120 nations, making it the widest-heard musical performance in history.

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MP3, technology that compresses sound into a very small file, becomes a popular alternative to the CD. MP3 files are downloaded from the Internet onto computers or portable player units, making it possible to take a personal music selection anywhere.

AP/Wide World Photos

Shania Twain becomes the first woman since 1986 to win the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year Award at the 33rd annual awards show.

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VH1's "Concert of the Century" spotlights the importance of music education in schools. The all-star show includes Lenny Kravitz, Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and B.B. King, as well as high-profile actors.

AP/Wide World Photos

Ricky Martin takes the music industry by storm after his show-stopping performance at the 1999 Grammy Awards show. Martin's first chart-topping single, "Livin' la Vida Loca," helps him win the *Billboard* Music Award for Male Artist of the Year.

Fiona Apple releases her long-awaited second album to rave reviews in November and begins a tour in February 2000. The album features a 90-word title, which is commonly shortened to *When the Pawn*.

Flash

After a successful New Year's Eve reunion performance, the Judds begin their first tour in almost 10 years in February 2000. Since they disbanded in 1991, Naomi has recovered from Hepatitis C.

Best New Artist Grammy nominee Christina Aguilera gives an exciting performance during the Super Bowl XXXIV halftime show.

2000

Sports News

AP/Wide World Photos/Jeff Zelevansky

David Cone of the New York Yankees pitches a perfect game against the Montreal Expos in July. Cone's feat is the 14th perfect game in modern baseball history.

Lance Armstrong wins the 1999 Tour de France in July. Armstrong, who survived a three-year battle with testicular cancer, becomes the second American to win the event.

William Stevens/Liaison Agency

The Dallas Stars beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-1 in triple overtime to win the 1999 Stanley Cup championship, four games to two.

AP/Wide World Photos

Golf champion Payne Stewart is killed in a bizarre airplane accident in October. After the airplane's takeoff from Florida, an apparent loss of cabin pressure incapacitates everyone aboard. The aircraft flies on autopilot for four hours until it runs out of fuel and crashes in South Dakota.

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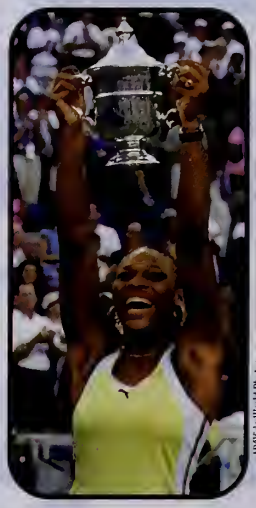
The St. Louis Rams stop the Tennessee Titans at the 1-yard line on a final play to save their 23-16 Super Bowl XXXIV victory.



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In September, tennis phenom Serena Williams, 17, overpowers Martina Hingis to win the 1999 U.S. Open title.

AP/Wide World Photos

The Houston Comets earn their third straight WNBA championship in September, beating the New York Liberty 59-47 to win in three straight games.

Flash

Both Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders and German tennis star Steffi Graf announce their retirement in 1999.

On February 7, 2000, Tiger Woods wins his sixth consecutive PGA Tour event, tying Ben Hogan's 1948 winning record.

AP/Wide World Photos/Terry Renna

Dale Jarrett wins the 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup championship after a four-victory season.

1999

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In July, the U.S. women's soccer team wins the 1999 World Cup by beating China 5-4 in penalty kicks following a 0-0 tie. More than 90,000 fans attend at the Rose Bowl and another 40 million watch on television.

AP/Wide World Photos

In the January 2000 Sugar Bowl, No. 1 Florida State beats No. 2 Virginia Tech 46-29 to capture the National Championship.

Travis Pastrana, 15, wins the gold medal in the X Games' inaugural Moto X freestyle motocross event. The fifth year of this ESPN-sponsored competition is held in San Francisco in June and July.

Andre Agassi wins the French Open in June and becomes the fifth man ever to complete a career Grand Slam. Agassi goes on to win the U.S. Open in September.

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The New York Yankees win the 1999 World Series in a four-game sweep against the Atlanta Braves.

AP/Wide World Photos

In June, the San Antonio Spurs win their first NBA championship by defeating the New York Knicks four games to one.

Flash

In July, many major league baseball umpires announce their resignation as a labor protest. The strategy backfires when owners accept the resignations and in September, 22 umpires lose their jobs.

In January 2000, Michael Jordan returns to pro basketball as part owner and President for Basketball Operations of the NBA's Washington Wizards.

AP/Wide World Photos

The U.S. team beats the European team to win golf's Ryder Cup at Brookline, Massachusetts, in September. The American's stirring comeback is marred by unruly galleries and a premature victory celebration.

AP/Wide World Photos

Twenty-year professional hockey veteran Wayne Gretzky announces his retirement in April 1999 after setting or tying 61 records. Two months later, "The Great One" is inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

2000

Millennium

Reuters/Jim Young/Archive Photos

Clock Tower
Ottawa, Canada

Pyramids
Cairo, Egypt

Times Square
New York City,
New York

Patrick Robert/Corbis Sygma

As time zones welcome the new millennium on January 1, the world celebrates with grandeur, pageantry and spectacular fireworks. President Clinton gives a hopeful speech in the minutes before midnight at the Washington Monument, and 2 million people gather in Times Square to watch the specially built 1,000-pound Waterford crystal ball drop at midnight.

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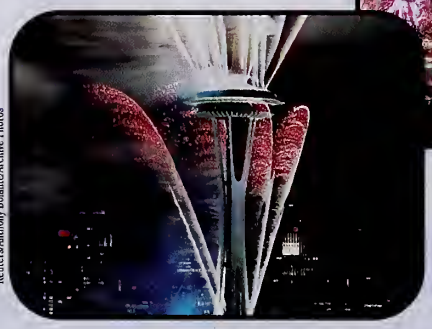

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Space Needle
Seattle, Washington

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The Eiffel Tower
Paris, France

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The public and private sectors spend hundreds of millions of dollars to ward off the Y2K bug. The world lets out a sigh of relief after midnight strikes and no major computer malfunctions occur.

The FBI warns of possible terrorist acts on New Year's Eve and stays on national alert throughout the celebration. After the arrest of one man with bomb-making materials, Seattle decides to cancel its Space Needle celebration.

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Fearing the collapse of the world's banks, utilities and transportation systems, thousands of people stock up on food, water, money, ammunition and generators. After midnight, it soon becomes apparent that the preparations were unnecessary.

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A surprising number of people, appalled by the exorbitant costs of travel and events, decide to stay home on New Year's Eve. Many companies and performers drastically slash prices as a last-minute lure.

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